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Theft of Nine Guns From Yarmouth Residence Yields 57-Month Federal Sentence

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Stephen Versluis**, 24, a former Yarmouth resident and most recently a resident of Florida, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court to a 57-month prison term for stealing nine firearms from the residence of a senior Yarmouth resident. United States District Court Judge D. Brock Hornby imposed the sentence following Versluis's guilty plea to possession of stolen firearms. In addition to the custodial sentence, the Court ordered Versluis to pay \$3,619 in restitution to various victims impacted by the crime. The Court ordered that the 57-month sentence be followed by three years of supervised release.

Court records and information revealed during the hearing today showed that Versluis stole nine firearms from a residence in Yarmouth. He then sold or gave the guns to various individuals, including a pawn shop. ATF agents were able to recover several of the stolen guns from innocent purchasers in places including Washington, Oregon, Texas, Florida and Colorado.

United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby said that the investigation that led to Versluis's conviction was conducted by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), with assistance from the Yarmouth Police Department.

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